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of the above-mentioned cities and county on December 6, 1899, requesting them to give me definite information on the subject. So far I have received only two replies: Berkley reports 1 case convalescent, Portsmouth declines to give me the information. Norfolk city and Norfolk County have not replied to my interrogatory.

I have seen no cases personally, although I have heard unofficially of several cases in this city recently.

Respectfully,

EDWARD E. FEILD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

El Paso, Tex., December 9, 1899.—I have the honor to report that during the week ended December 9 I examined 120 passengers for successful vaccination on the Mexican Central Railroad. Inspection at the international bridge, 73; vaccination of immigrants, children, and others, 27; disinfection of baggage and household goods, 11; refused entrance on account of being cripples, 3.

Respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., December 12, 1899.—I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended December 9, 1899: Immigrants inspected and allowed entry, 15; immigrants requiring vaccination and vaccinated, 5. I inspect all passengers from Mexico, but, since raising the quarantine against yellow-fever points, only keep record of immigrants inspected.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Mexico near the Texas border.

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *December 10, 1899.*

SIR: From personal information, I find the following conditions existing adjacent to this point in Mexico:

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.	Time.
C. P. Diaz.....	1	1	Last 30 days.
San Felipe.....	22	18	Do.
Sabinas.....	17	3	Do.
Progreso.....	20	(a)	Do.
San Juan de Sabinas.....	7	(a)	Do.
Monclova.....	6	1	Do.

a Not known.

The poor people are continually moving from place to place, like birds of the air; they carry the disease with them. As it grows colder, the spread increases.

Respectfully,

C. C. DRAKE,
Collector.